

REMARKS

Claims 4, 9-15 and 19-20 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 -3, 5 -8 and 16-18 have been canceled.

The examiner objected to claim 1 due to a typographical error. Although claim 1 has been canceled it has been incorporated into claims 4 and 9. The error has been corrected in claims 4 and 9.

The examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 112 arguing that it is not clear whether the limitation "first selected forward - link data" in line 12 refers to the same phrase in the preamble. Again, while claim 1 has been canceled it has been incorporated into claims 4 and 9. Applicant directs the examiner to the word "subsequent" directly before the phrase on line 12. Applicant asserts that when taken together in context the phrase "subsequent first selected forward - link data" refers to an additional first selected forward - link data that is chosen for additional communication. It is not the same one referred to in the preamble but rather is a first selected forward - link data used in subsequent communication.

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 4, 9 - 15 and 19 - 20 are directed to allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The claims have been amended accordingly.

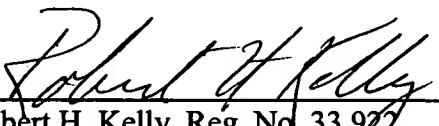
Applicant respectfully asserts that the foregoing places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

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